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CONTADORA DOCUMENT'S FURTHER REVISION POSSIBLE

PA172125 Madrid EFE in Spanish 1915 GMT 17 Oct 84

[Text] Madrid, 17 Oct (EFE) -- In Madrid today, the Contadora Group agreed to submit the Contadora Document for Peace in Central America to further revision as long as the new version does not upset the balance already achieved. In a joint communique, the Contadora Group foreign ministers said that the latest text on the mechanisms for verification and control of the commitments accepted and their enforcement could be improved and made more accurate.

At the same time that the joint communique was being presented in Madrid, it was announced in Honduras that on 19 October the foreign ministers of Central America, with the exception of Nicaragua, will meet in Tegucigalpa to analyze the new situation regarding the Contadora document.

The foreign ministers of Colombia, Venezuela, and Mexico and the former Panamanian foreign minister drafted the joint document at the end of their working session last night. The final communique expresses the aspirations of some Central American countries that are not satisfied with the wording of the latest document.

Oyden Ortega did not attend the presentation of the text, which was presided over by Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran, stating that he no longer is his country's foreign minister.

Following the presentation of the Madrid document, Fernando Moran offered Spain's help in the verification and control of the fulfillment of the document. He reiterated Spain's decision to sign the document's additional protocol.

The communique recalls that the revised version of the peace document is the outcome of a long, difficult, and complex process of consulation and negotiation. The communique indicates: "The essence of negotiation is that each party must yield to some extent for the sake of a higher cause. The foreign ministers pointed out that the Contadora document will bring together the stances and interests of the five countries directly involved." The communique also warned that all this must be achieved "without any attempt to reopen a substantial discussion or to modify the bases and principles of the Contadora document." The note added that the foreign ministers have initiated a joint effort aimed at consolidating any views that are in keeping with the Contadora spirit.

Colombian and Venezuelan Foreign Ministers Augusto Ramirez Ocampo and Isidro Morales, Mexican Foreign Secretary Bernardo Sepulveda, and former Panamanian Foreign Minister Oyden Ortega all arrived in Madrid for the awarding of the 1984 Prince of Asturias Prize to the Contadora Group. The foreign ministers took advantage of their stay in Spain to meet and examine the reaction of the five Central American countries to the revised Contadora document. The ministers analyzed recent regional and international developments and agreed that international support for the continuation of the Group's peace efforts and for the signing of the revised document has been significantly strengthened. The ministers also reasserted their government's willingness to continue contributing to the resolution of the serious crisis Central America is experiencing through the spirit of brotherhood and solidarity that has motivated them.

Ministers Comment Further

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[Excerpts] Madrid, 10 Oct (AFP) -- The foreign ministers of the Contadora Group, gathered here in Madrid, could not draft the final document for peace for Central America in view of "the volume" of the observations made on the document, particularly by Honduras and El Salvador, and the "short time" they had to study them.

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CONTADORA SUBMITS RESOLUTION TO UNITED NATIONS

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[By Silvia Odoriz]

[Text] United Nations, 19 Oct (EFE) -- The Contadora Group today issued a resolution asking the five Central American countries to accelerate negotiations for the prompt signing of the Contadora plan and for the countries with interests in the region to respect the agreements.

The ambassadors of Mexico, Venzuela, Panama, and Colombia delivered the resolution to the 39th UN General Assembly Secretariat, which will begin discussing the situation in Central America next Wednesday after 2 days of deliberations and consultations with their respective foreign ministers and diplomats of the Central American countries, a reliable source has reported.

The resolution urges "each of the five Central American countries to accelerate their consultation with the Contadora Group to conclude the negotiation process for a prompt signing of the peace and cooperation plan for Central America." This, it says, will facilitate "the full compliance of the agreements established" in the plan and the implementation of the mechanism for its execution and fulfillment. The resolution also urges "all states, particularly those with ties and interests in the region, to respect the objectives and principles of the Contadora plan, as well as the agreements approved, by signing the annex to the plan."

The resolution asks the UN secretary general to report regularly to the UN Security Council on the "evolution of the situation and the implementation of the resolution." It also requests that the secretary general submit a report to the General Assembly on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution by 15 December at the latest.

By submitting this resolution, Contadora is trying to prevent the polarization of the debate next Wednesday, as happened last year when the heated debate over the terms of the resolution to be voted on resulted in turmoil within Contadora.

The resolution expresses satisfaction at the results obtained by the Contadora Group, especially the Contadora Document for Peace and Cooperation in Central America of 7 September 1984. The resolution says that the document is the "result of an intense process of consultations and negotiations carried out by the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua and sponsored by the Contadora Group." It also says that the Contadora document is a fundamental step toward completing the negotiation process in the way that it establishes the foundations for detente, a lasting peace, and economic and social development in the region.

The consultations to reach a consensus for the approval of the plan have not yet ended, but the same source said that the general reaction of the Central American countries has been "positive."

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